Remarks about Mr. M. O. Oomman, Divisional Forest Officer, Quilon.

229. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Governmen be pleasedt to state :

(*a*) how long it is since Mr. M. O. Oomman has been in charge of the Quilon Forest Division ; and

(*b*) the remarks made by the Conservator of Forests about the forest inspection work of Mr. M. O. Oomman in the *Administration Reports* of the Forest Department for 1105 and 1106 M. E. ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) From 27-7-1102.

(*b*) The member is referred to page 59 of the *Report* for 1105 and page 49 of the *Report* for 1106.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*). With regard to answer to part (*a*), may I know whether any other Divisional Forest Officer has continued in the same place for such a long period ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That information is not available now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Government will call for that information ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : If necessary, they will.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : With regard to part (*b*), I have specifically asked for the opinion given in regard to the inspection work of Mr. M. O. Oomman in 1106 and 1105 *Reports*?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The member is referred to the *Administration Reports* for 1105 and 1106, pages 59 and 49, respectively.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*). I want to know the opinion expressed by the Conservator of Forests in these reports ?

MR A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : The member has been supplied with the *Administration Reports*.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : The answer is not required for my information only ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : All the members are supplied with copies of the *Reports*.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : That is different from answering a question on the floor of this House ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : In 1105 the Conservator says " the percentage secured by Mr. M. O. Oomman was only 49·9 and the lowest percentage of the year was that secured by Mr. K. S. Narayana Aiyangar being only 47·4."

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): That is about the touring work. I asked about the forest inspection ?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Touring work includes forest inspection.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Surely there is a special paragraph on forest inspection in every *Administration Report* and percentages are given in regard to that?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): "The percentage of the number of days spent on a forest inspection to the total number of days on duty is rather poor in the case of officers whose percentages are below 20 which can be taken as aormal."

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): That is for 1105?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): What is the remark made in regard to inspection work in 1106?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The percentage of work done by Mr. M. O. Oomman has shown some improvement.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): That is not in regard to forest inspection; my question is only with reference to forest inspection.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): 67 days were spent on forest inspection.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): What is the remark of the Conservator of Forests with regard to the forest inspection work of Mr. Oomman?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He has not made any special remark about that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I point out to the member that at page 50 of the *Administration Report* for 1106 it is said that the percentage of his forest inspection work has not shown any improvement during the year? May I know from the member why Mr. Oomman is allowed to continue without any punishment or any warning even in spite of the inadequate work which is found to be serious enough to be given a place in the *Administration Report* again and again?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information about that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government will be pleased to call for the information?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Shipping of cocoanut oil.

220. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the cocoanut oil produced in the State is shipped from Cochin;

(*b*) the reason why the mill-owners and other merchants here find it difficult to ship the oil from the Alleppey port; and

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